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The timely submission under 37 CFR § 1.111 filed on 11 July 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because the amendments to the claims do not comply with 37 CFR § 1.121 and 1.126, specifically claims 43-57 were cancelled in the preliminary amendment filed on 27 July 2001, thus new claims 43-52 do not comply with Rule 126, a new response is required indicating cancellation of claims 43-57, new claims must be numbered starting with claim 58. Since the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David H. Kruse, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (703) 306-4539. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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